

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Turid RISDAL et al. : Attn: **BOX PCT**Serial No. [NEW] : **Docket No. 2002-0434A**

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.MEMBRANE AND USE THEREOF
[Corresponding to PCT/NO00/00312
Filed September 22, 2000]**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following claims in their place:

6. (New) In a membrane reactor for generating heat by oxidation of a carbon containing fuel to CO₂ and H₂O on the oxidation side of the membrane reactor, the improvement which comprises employing a membrane reactor containing the membrane of claim 1.

7. (New) In a method for generating synthesis gas consisting of one or more of the components CO, CO₂, H₂ and N₂ in a membrane reactor where the reactor is capable of reacting a mixture of steam and a carbon containing fuel with oxygen permeated through said membrane to make synthesis gas, the improvement which comprises employing a membrane reactor containing the membrane of claim 1.